

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 20, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: Salem Willamette River Bridge

2. Organization Name and address:

City of Salem
555 Liberty Street SE, Room 220
Salem, OR 97301

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization): N/A

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The City of Salem is a public organization. Salem, Oregon's Capital, is in the heart of the Fifth Congressional District.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The City of Salem and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are working with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and other regional jurisdictions to identify a solution that will reduce future traffic congestion across the Willamette River in the Salem-Keizer metropolitan area. The Marion (westbound) and Center (eastbound) Street bridges are part of the National Highway System (Hwy 22), linking the region west of Salem and the coast to Interstate 5. The closest bridge crossings require a detour of 25 miles to the south or 60 miles to the north. Congestion on the bridges has doubled since 1980, negatively affecting safety. The five-year average crash rate on the Center Street bridge is more than two times higher than the average statewide crash rate. Congestion is forecast to double again by 2030. The Salem River Crossing project is working with a broad group of stakeholders to complete the required environmental process and identify a preferred alternative in order to launch into right-of-way acquisition.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? Yes

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

- (1) The Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 2004 (original amount \$400,000)
- (2) The Transportation, Treasury, Independent Agencies, and General Government Appropriations Act of 2005 (original amount \$750,000)
- (3) MPO Surface Transportation Program: \$1,087,527 in FY06; \$2,313,921 in FY08
- (4) State Planning and Research Program (ODOT Region 2) \$522,877 total from FY06, FY07, and FY08

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Department of Transportation: Surface Transportation Program Projects, National Corridors Planning & Development, or similar

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The purpose of this project is to improve mobility and safety for people and freight crossing the Willamette River in the Salem-Keizer metropolitan area. Highway 22 is part of the National Highway System and is a designated freight route. The Marion and Center Street bridges across the Willamette River are a major source of congestion on Highway 22 west of I-5. This project will benefit the National Highway System by reducing congestion on Highway 22 across the Willamette River in the mid-Willamette Valley. Reduced congestion will improve safety and benefit the economy through more efficient movement of goods and people. Efficient movement of goods is critical to attracting new jobs to Oregon and specifically to the Mid-Willamette Valley. Addressing this long-standing transportation need is a valuable use of taxpayer funds that will support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

Yes, this is Salem's highest transportation priority. A similar funding request is also being made to Senator Ron Wyden and Senator Jeff Merkley.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

\$7,500,000 (through preliminary design to support right-of-way acquisition; total cost to construct a new bridge is estimated to cost between \$250 and \$700 million, depending on the preferred alternative)

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$2,000,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

City of Salem: \$500,000

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

It is likely that we will request federal funding in future years as we move into design and construction.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

Environmental and Engineering \$2,000,000

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

- Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS), Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- City of Keizer
- City of Salem
- Polk County
- City of Dallas, Oregon
- Marion County
- Salem-Keizer Transit District

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes, this project is scalable.